



# The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin  
*A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop*

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 18, 2022



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“She will bear a son  
and you are to name  
him Jesus, because he  
will save his people  
from their sins.”  
- Mt 1:21

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 12:10 PM  
Wednesday: 7AM,  
12:10 PM (livestream),  
& 5:30 PM  
Thursday: 12:10 PM  
Sunday: 7 AM, 9 AM (livestream),  
11 AM, 5 (livestream),  
& 8 PM

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## This Week at OSP

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
OSP Giving Tree	Before or after any Mass   Church
OSP Giving Tree Gift Wrapping	6 PM - 9 PM   Hughes Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM   Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM   Church
<b>Thursday</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
<b>Saturday</b>	
Christmas Eve Mass	3 PM, 5 PM, Midnight   Church
<b>Sunday</b>	
Christmas Day Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM   Church



The recording of the 29th Annual Deck The Hall Concert is now available for purchase!

To purchase access to the video, please visit [oldstpats.org/deckthehall](http://oldstpats.org/deckthehall)

## Join the OSP Community

Welcome to Old St. Patrick's Church! It is through your presence, Old St. Pat's is able to provide compelling educational programs, invaluable Outreach services, rewarding volunteer opportunities, and spiritual nourishment for all. We are gifted by your presence. Please scan the QR code to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

To learn more about Membership or to check your membership status at Old St. Patrick's, please contact Polly Mulhearn at [pollym@oldstpats.org](mailto:pollym@oldstpats.org)



## Don't miss a thing!

Check out "What's Happening at OSP" on the Old St. Pat's website to stay up-to-date on all upcoming events.



Find registration forms and more information on offered programming easily by scanning the QR code.

[bit.ly/OSP happenings](http://bit.ly/OSP happenings)



## OLD SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2022

Please visit the Advent and Christmas season webpage on the Old St. Patrick's Website for important Mass information, holiday programming, articles, and resources from the Old St. Pat's Staff.



[oldstpats.org/christmas](http://oldstpats.org/christmas)



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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## Mass Schedule

### *Advent*

#### *Weekdays*

*Tuesdays - 12:10 PM*

*Wednesdays - 7 AM | 12:10 PM | 5:30 PM*

*Thursdays - 12:10 PM*

*Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18*

*7 AM | 9 AM | 11 AM | 5 PM | 8 PM*

### *Christmas Eve*

*December 24th*

*3 PM | 5 PM | Midnight*

*\*Prelude Concert starts at 11:15 PM before Midnight Mass*

### *Christmas Day*

*December 25th*

*7 AM | 9 AM | 11 AM*

*(no evening Masses)*

### *Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*New Years Eve - December 31st*

*5:30 PM*

### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - New Years Day*

*January 1st with regular Sunday Mass Times*

For more Advent and Christmas season programming and resources, please visit [www.oldstpats.org/christmas](http://www.oldstpats.org/christmas) or scan the QR code.



**OLD SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH  
ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2022**





## Contemplative Community - Online Chapel



### *Through the Advent Door*

Join us in the online prayer chapel and encounter the rich treasures of this sacred season. Each chapel is like the door of an Advent calendar opening to the mystery and experience of Divine love in our lives. Pausing to be quiet, reflecting on the readings and imagery of the season, and doing it all within a welcoming community. Advent is not a sentimental waiting for the baby Jesus, it is preparing for the birth to take place within ourself.

Whether you make the chapels a regular part of your Christmas preparation or join when you are able during this busy time, you are always welcome. To view the schedule of our daily chapels and register for the Zoom link (there is no fee), please visit the Online Meditation Chapel webpage on the Old St. Pat's website.



To register: [bit.ly/OnlineChapel](https://bit.ly/OnlineChapel)

## Giving Tree



Old St. Pat's invites you to join us by participating in the annual Giving Tree.

Join the Old St. Patrick's Outreach Group in making Christmas merrier for the thousands of men, women and children who benefit from the many Outreach programs supported by Old St. Patrick's and staffed by numerous Old St. Pat's volunteers.

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree. Unwrapped gifts, with the Giving Tree ornament firmly attached, may be brought to the Giving Tree truck in front of the Church on any Sunday between now and Sunday, December 18.

Visit [oldstpats.org/outreach](https://oldstpats.org/outreach) for more information.

## Giving Tree Gift Wrapping

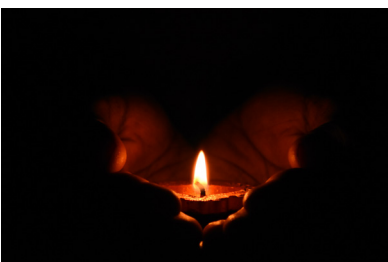
### ***December 18 | 6 PM - 9 PM Hughes Hall below the Church***

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of the Outreach Wrapping Party from 6-9 PM on Sunday, December 18th after the 5 PM Mass in Hughes Hall. Meet new friends while enjoying Christmas cheer and refreshments! If you have any questions about the Giving Tree or the Wrapping Party, please contact Beth Marek at [elizabethm@oldstpats.org](mailto:elizabethm@oldstpats.org)

Visit [oldstpats.org/outreach](https://oldstpats.org/outreach) for more information.



## In the Quiet: Evening for Prayer



### ***In the Quiet: Evening for Prayer***

***December 21st at 6:30PM - 9:30PM in the Church***

Church will be open from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, with a special time of prayer at 7:00pm dedicated to those who have died this past year while experiencing homelessness.





## Responding to the Call - St. Joseph the Steward



St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## Taize Prayer Service - All Are Welcome!

### ENCOUNTER HOSTS: TAIZÉ PRAYER & HAPPY HOUR

*December 28 | 6:15 PM | Old St Pats Church*

On the 4th Wednesday of the month, members of Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, host Taizé Prayer, a meditative form of prayer filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation followed by a happy hour.

All are welcome!





# Immigrants and Refugees: A Faith Journey



Light three purple candles and one pink candle. LOVE

“Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,  
...among all the Gentiles, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;” — Rom 1:5



God’s **Love** has no boundaries or borders. All are welcome, Jews and Gentiles, the wolf and the lamb. So, why do we still have boundaries? Why does our country? Isaiah asks, “Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God?” (Is 7:13) God must be weary of boundaries and injustice.

This Advent has taken us on a journey of recognizing our own migration, on earth and on to God. Our immigrant and refugee family demonstrate this to us time and again. We are a migrating creation! In our acknowledgement of this and removing boundaries, we show God’s glory and justice. We bring dignity to our migrant family by walking with them, feeling their embrace, and thanking them for revealing to us our migrating heritage.

God’s **Love** has no boundaries. Use this last week of Advent to remove the boundaries. It is God’s will here on earth as it is in heaven. Kino Border Institute offers KBI Actions to Take ( [www.kinoborderinitiative.org/act/](http://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/act/) ) and discuss with your elected officials. Learn about the history of criminalizing migration from the National Immigrant Justice Center ( [immigrantjustice.org/issues/decriminalize-immigration](http://immigrantjustice.org/issues/decriminalize-immigration) ) and work to decriminalize that which we are created to do. Engage with those who remain fearful, clinging to their boundaries. Be a witness to them of the deep Love God showed by migrating into creation. Bishop Tutu once said “*More important than us believing in God is that God believes in us.*” (April 2005. God Has a Dream) God believed in Joseph and Mary. God believes in us, and soon God will be with us, again!

## Let Us Pray

Loving God, we wait for you to come, and busy ourselves with preparations. We are sorry for the times we have wearied you. Thank you for believing in us. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for our immigrant and refugee family. Amen.

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## Parish-Wide Housewarming for 2023 Refugee Resettlement January 8, 2023



Just as we did earlier this year, Immigrant & Refugee Ministry (IRM) will be collecting household goods needed to continue our work of helping to resettle the next five families of refugees or asylum seekers in the Chicago area in the coming year.

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aaae2ba7f5c16-irmhousewarming> to select household items that you are willing to purchase for them, then plan to bring your items to OSP’s Hughes Hall below the church on Sunday, January 8 between noon-2pm.



Thank you for participating in another collection to welcome and embrace refugees.

***We will be helping 5 families settle in the area!***

*The Immigration & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is so grateful to Old St. Pat’s members for their generous, ongoing support of our efforts—a sincere thanks to all. The need is great. Click on GIVE TO OSP (upper right-hand corner). Click on GIVE ONLINE and select IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FUND from the drop-down menu. If you are interested in supporting our efforts as a volunteer or have any ideas or questions, please contact Kayla Jackson at [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org)*





# John Buciak Old St. Pat's American Red Cross Blood Drive

*The John Buciak Old St. Pat's American Red Cross Blood Drive a Huge Success — Thanks To You!*



On Sunday, November 13th, Old St. Pat's held its 26th consecutive annual Blood Drive.

YES, we started our 2nd Quarter Century!!!

Over 100 people joined to donate God's gift of life.

We collected 98 units!

While keeping everyone involved safe and well.

These units helped over 300 people in need of blood at a critical time in their lives.

There were 22 FIRST TIME DONORS!!! We were honored and grateful to welcome them to an extremely special club of blood donors.

The American Red Cross followed the highest standards of safety and infection control including the CDC guidelines.



We paid special honor to all of our Veterans by sharing God's gift of life with others most in need.

More than 120 people joined us to donate or volunteer this year. We had donors from across the street to many communities throughout the city including Vietnam Army Veteran, Bill Corbett from Evergreen Park. We had a record number of non-St. Pat's members come to join us. We showed them thanks to our volunteers a warm welcome and wonderful hospitality. We had over 20 volunteers who donated their time and smiles.

We would like to thank everyone involved in our annual Blood Drive, especially our generous donors who are indeed the perfect example of a living Christ in a difficult world.

We also would like to thank our volunteers Angel, Ibeth who also donated a pint, Marie, Mike and many others who helped make the day run so smoothly. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. They were extremely hard working and gave part of their Sunday to make our donors feel welcome by giving heart filled hospitality.

Special thanks to Olivia and her harp that graced us with music from the angels as we donated and volunteered. Olivia's gift of music made us feel like we were in heaven.

Our appreciation to Keilee, Darcy, and Esme, the violinists from the Lincoln Park Suzuki Music School who perform together and then separately. These 3 young women who are in elementary school played like they were college seniors. Thank you for sharing your wonderful musical talents with us.

Our appreciation to the FXW School who so kindly let us use their gym for our blood drive so we would be able to offer a very suitable space and November date to our loyal donors.





# John Buciak Old St. Pat's American Red Cross Blood Drive



We take our hats off to Bill Jacobs of PIECE on North Ave for supplying their award-winning pizza so our donors could have a healthy post-donation meal.

Thanks to Zach and our friends at Traders Joe's East Lakeview for supplying us with yummy organic bananas. Just what we needed for our donors and volunteers.



These wonderful photos were taken by Daniel Pels. He is a true professional. Thanks for capturing the true spirit of the day with your camera.

In addition, I would like to personally acknowledge with heart-filled thanks the Old St. Pat's staff who helped support the Blood Drive this year especially Beth, our Community Outreach Director. Also the hard-working Maintenance Crew headed up by Ray and Matt who were ready to go on an early Sunday morning. We could never have a successful Blood Drive without them!

***Please save the date of Sunday, November 12, 2023 for a grand celebration of life as we host our 27th Annual Blood Drive. This is the longest continuous blood drive in the history of Chicago! We hope you can join us.***

Meanwhile, we encourage you to donate a pint of blood as often as every 56 days.

Throughout the year, we encourage you to look for a Blood Drive near your home or office by entering your zip code at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Remember that the Red Cross is the only nationwide Non-profit blood bank.

Please save the dates of Thursday and Friday, January 12th and 13th for The Great Chicago Blood Drive. There will be 5 locations in the greater Chicagoland area. Details and appointment scheduling can be found at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Many people will have new life because of your willingness to share a pint of blood. This is one of the greatest gifts one can give. My father, John told me that when God gives you a gift, the best thing you can do is share it with others.

This has been a difficult and trying year to say the least for everyone. It was wonderful to see Christ's love for the stranger in the action of our donators and volunteers. They are truly the light on top of the hillside in the darkness. Thank-you for sharing God's gift of life with others most in need.

Best wishes for a reflective Advent, a wonderful Christmas Season and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

May God bless our donors, volunteers, and sponsors. The world is a better place because of you.

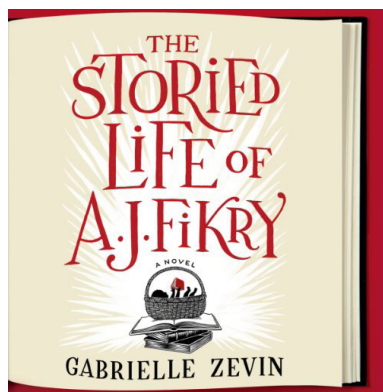
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## Encounter Book Club



**December 19th | 7:00 PM | Contact for Location**

Join us for the OSP Book Club.  
We will be reading "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin.

For information/questions please contact  
Rachelle Lindo at [rachelle.lindo@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.lindo@gmail.com)

## Encounter Women's Spirituality



**December 20th | 6:30 PM | 711 W. Monroe, 3rd Floor**

Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, hosts a space for all women-identified folks to gather for prayer, faith sharing, and community building on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Together, we select books, podcasts, articles, and poems designed to explore and deepen our spirituality.

## Pneuma: LGBTQ+ Faith Sharing



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**December 27 | 6:30 PM - 8 PM | Register for Location**

Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, hosts an inclusive and affirming faith sharing group for LGBTQ+ members. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month.

2nd Tuesday: 6:30 PM - 8 PM at 711 W. Monroe 2nd Floor room 22

4th Tuesday: Social out in the Community

Register here: <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/545/responses/new>  
Please contact Justin Hoch for details or questions:  
[j.m.hoch21@gmail.com](mailto:j.m.hoch21@gmail.com)







## Green Team - Sustainable Christmas 2022

“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving, If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.” - Pope Francis



Christmas is the season of giving and sharing, a faith filled time when we rejoice at the coming of Jesus into our world, over 2,000 years ago. With a little effort, planning and ingenuity, it can also be a time of sustainability, while we celebrate the season and care for the earth. Here are some tips for spreading joy without burdening the planet, from [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com) and other sources.

**Gift Giving:** Think of ways to buy fewer new things. Have a family gift exchange where each person draws the name of a single person to receive a gift. Give an experience, like tickets to a theater or dance performance, a visit to a local museum or restaurant, or membership in a local institution. Shop thrift and antique stores for one-of-a-kind gifts that don't take new resource to make. Homemade baked goods and other edibles are always appreciated. Heifer International and other organizations allow contributors to “give” animals like rabbits, goats, heifers, llamas, and chickens to needy families, so they can feed themselves and earn extra income. Shop local craft fairs and artisans, to find unique gifts, without the transportation costs that contribute to global warming.

**Home Decorating:** Buy a live rather than a plastic tree. Live trees are a renewable resource, and can be recycled for mulch, while plastic trees are made from petroleum products and when discarded, live forever in the landfill. Plus, live trees smell like Christmas! Reduce the size of outdoor lighting displays and use LED strings, including solar LED lights that run off solar power. Turn off indoor and outdoor lights at bedtime, when no one is around to appreciate them.

**Connecting with Nature:** Establish the tradition of taking a Christmas bird count, walking a set route through your neighborhood with binoculars and notebook in hand, writing down the names and numbers of every bird seen. Over the years, you will have a record of your neighborhood birds. Even young kids can contribute to this activity. Decorate a tree with food for the birds such as seed bells, suet, pine cones with peanut butter, and seed trays. Take a walk through your neighborhood or local park before the holiday meal, then talk about the walk during the meal.

**Shopping Fair Trade:** Chicago Fair Trade sponsors a holiday Pop-up Store where local vendors offer delicious food, sophisticated home goods, fashionable clothing, and toys; while supporting just wages for artisans, employment for groups at the margins, and environmental protections for everyone. This year the Pop-up Store is located at 1457 N Halsted Street at NewCity Mall. It is open from November 1 to December 24, Tuesday-Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm (closed Mondays). Fair Trade gifts give twice, to the giver and the planet.

**Meatless Mondays during the Holidays:** You can sign up for seasonal recipes and inspiration at [mondaycampaigns.org/meatless-monday/about](http://mondaycampaigns.org/meatless-monday/about) Get an email every Monday with suggestions for meatless recipes for the holidays, including curried butternut squash soup, mushroom gravy, and pumpkin sage goat cheese lasagna. Impact the planet by going meatless on Mondays!

**OSP Green Care Team Welcomes You!**  
Are you interested in sustainability and the environment? Want to be a faithful steward of our common home? Then join OSP Green Team.

For more information, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org)



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**January 6, 2023**

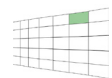
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## Giving to Old Saint Patrick's Church

*"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."*

- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

Your generosity to Old St. Pat's is a resounding yes to God's call to faith-filled stewardship! Guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue to strive to lead a movement of change for good in our church and world. You are true collaborators in the work of sharing the loving mercy of Jesus.

Gifts to old St. Pat's help fund the myriad ministries and initiatives here at Old St. Pat's, from hosting Sunday masses to weddings and baptisms, to prayer and retreat experiences, to catechesis and sacramental preparation, to lectures, classes and workshops. Your support helps ensure we can continue to be the vibrant, welcoming, justice-minded Catholic community we strive to be.

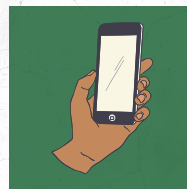


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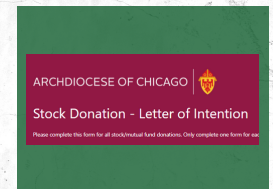
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## Sunday, December 18, 2022

Readings: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24

### Mass Remembrances:

7am: Norma Hevener (†)  
9am: Eugene E. Ryan, Sr. (†), Lois M. Guerin (†)  
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Barbara Saunders (†)  
5pm: Carolyn Etten (†), Barbara Ann Saunders. (†)  
8pm: Rick Miller (†), Claudine Ward

Book of Patrick: Jacqueline Johnson, Mike Coan,  
Mary Joyce Kenneally, Thomas McCauley, Verona Quast,  
Ruth Fischer, Joshua Busch, Josephine Nocula

## Monday, December 19, 2022

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Book of Patrick: James J. Cassidy Jr.,  
Jacques & Shannon Cattan, Helen Nichols,  
Helmut and Dolores Sandgathe, Karlie Vanek,  
Vanek & Conneman Families, Lottie Wadas,  
Joseph T. Jordan Jr., Donald L. Abbott

## Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Readings: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Book of Patrick: Matthew Daley, Margaret Lydon,  
Thomas C. Naquin, Joseph C. O'Leary,  
Lucy & James O'Loughlin, Russ Powers, Mary Gail Reding,  
John McNicholas Schank, Gladys and Charles Stanhope,  
Michael A Erickson, Jane Mary Tighe

## Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/  
Lk 1:39-45

### Mass Remembrances:

7am: Mary, Shannon, Norma Hevener (†)  
12:10pm: Philip Hageman (†), Joanne Vallano (†)  
5:30pm: Walter F. Roche, Jr. (†)

Book of Patrick: Geraldine Donovan, Martha Fields,  
Michael J. Fogarty, Lewis Michael Fritzsche, Richard Giardina,  
Patricia Green, Dolores D. Gustafson, James E. Hanlon Sr.,  
Dr. Richard Herzig, Grant Wordsworth Law, Frank C. Piech,  
Myrna Campos & Jose Tobias, Joan Woodrow, James Jones,  
Mary Devine Herzig

## Thursday, December 22, 2022

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Book of Patrick: Peter Bernadin, Cecelia Kelley Campbell,  
Ellen Geraghty, Sheila Roche Hagan, Peter Josephs,  
Virginia Magee, Jay Merz, John Nolan, Irene Szymanski,  
Michelle Gleason, Catherine Urban

## Friday, December 23, 2022

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/  
Lk 1:57-66

Book of Patrick: Miles Austrevich, Clines & Doyle Families,  
John Fegan, James A. Maddock, Thomas E. McGovern Jr.,  
Adelaide Robinson, Phillip B. Rooney Family, Arthur Stauder,  
Alexander Wanamaker

## Saturday, December 24, 2022

### Readings:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/  
Lk 1:67-79  
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

### Mass Remembrances:

3pm: Carole Van Deursen (†), Lorraine Picard (†)  
5pm: Fr. Ray Klees (†)

Book of Patrick: Mary Ellen Archer,  
Avril M. and Virgil C. Craig, Jacqueline Carroll & Family,  
Judy Facinelli, Hollis Peter Fritzsche, James F. Gallagher,  
Viola Holas, Kiley Michelle Jaquays,  
Christina O'Reilly McHugh,  
Members of the Pettigrew and Zarlenga Families

## Sunday, December 25, 2022

### Readings:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Mass Remembrances:

7am: Anastacia Malate (†), Jacqueline Cashman (†)  
9am: Frank & Helen Piwowar (†), Matthew Charles King Jr. (†)  
11am: John Patrick Marlin (†), James A. Murphy Jr. (†)

Book of Patrick: Christina McGinnity-Connolly,  
George & Lynn Bryk, Colleen Burns, Irene & Joe Capella,  
Julia Morahan Carlin, Maureen Curran, Mr. Don Cartright,  
Kevin & Maureen Cogan, Tom & Rita Dempsey,  
Mrs. Katherine Duffy, Richard J. Heffernan, Virginia Huber,  
William Johnson, Thomas J. Leyden,  
The James Martin Family, Adrienne McAuley,  
Mary C. Murray-McCarthy, Rosemarie McKay,  
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Liberta Morrissey, Annie Murray, Robert O'Connor,  
John J. "Tim" Phelan, Peter Neuman & Karen Popowski,  
Martha J. Semetis, Florence and Frank Siuda,  
Catherine "Kay" Sullivan, Carole Zander, John Murray,  
The Catherine and Kevin McGarvey Family, Patrick Harney

## Prayer Requests

### For Those Who Are Sick

Glenna Jameson, Brendan Sanchez, Friend of Beth Marek',  
Ken Kishbaugh, Susan Clancy Eck, Martha Fano,  
Ms. Bobi Keenan, Terrence Deneen

### For Those Who Have Died

Brad Palmer, Kamal Jones, Josephine Ruth,  
Burton C. Johnson, Dan Fischer

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*Lord, help us to see the wonder in Your creation,  
to find the Joy amidst the trials.  
For in you we can rejoice and be glad.  
No matter what the world brings,  
We can find our Joy in You.  
Help us to celebrate with Hope  
and gladness this Christmas,  
for in You all things are made new!*

## Women and Men of Faith



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## Blessed Anthony Grassi

Saint of the Day for December 18, 2022

### Blessed Anthony Grassi's Story

Anthony's father died when his son was only 10 years old, but the young lad inherited his father's devotion to Our Lady of Loreto. As a schoolboy, he frequented the local church of the Oratorian Fathers, joining the religious order when he was 17.

Already a fine student, Anthony soon gained a reputation in his religious community as a "walking dictionary," who quickly grasped Scripture and theology. For some time he was tormented by scruples, but they reportedly left him at the very hour he celebrated his first Mass. From that day, serenity penetrated his very being.

In 1621, at age 29, Anthony was struck by lightning while praying in the church of the Holy House at Loreto. He was carried paralyzed from the church, expecting to die. When Anthony recovered in a few days he realized that he had been cured of acute indigestion. His scorched clothes were donated to the Loreto church as an offering of thanks for his new gift of life.

More importantly, Anthony now felt that his life belonged entirely to God. Each year thereafter he made a pilgrimage to Loreto to express his thanks.

He also began hearing confessions, and came to be regarded as an outstanding confessor. Simple and direct, Anthony listened carefully to penitents, said a few words, and gave a penance and absolution, frequently drawing on his gift of reading consciences.

In 1635, Anthony was elected superior of the Fermo Oratory. He was so well regarded that he was reelected every three years until his death. He was a quiet person and a gentle superior who did not know how to be severe. At the same time he kept the Oratorian constitutions literally, encouraging the community to do likewise.

He refused social or civic commitments and instead would go out day or night to visit the sick or dying or anyone else needing his services. As Anthony grew older, he had a God-given awareness of the future, a gift which he frequently used to warn or to console.

But age brought its challenges as well. Anthony suffered the humility of having to give up his physical faculties one by one. First was his preaching, necessitated after he lost his teeth. Then he could no longer hear confessions. Finally after a fall, Anthony was confined to his room. The archbishop himself came each day to give him Holy Communion. One of his final acts was to reconcile two fiercely quarrelling brothers. The liturgical feast of Blessed Anthony Grassi is celebrated on December 13.

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